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Filing Date	08/09/2001
First Named Inventor	Michael J. Mahan
Art Unit	1645
Examiner Name	Portner, Virginia Allen
Attorney Docket Number	482.09

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Filed	: 08/09/2001		:
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**AMENDMENT AND RCE IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE
ACTION MAILED 03/25/2004**

Mail Stop RCE
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below, in accordance with revised amendment practice, 37

CFR 1.121, effective July 30, 2003. A complete listing of all claims, replacing all prior claims in the application, and including the text of all non-cancelled claims, is attached.

This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Transmittal Form, a Fee Transmittal Form, a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), a Request For Continued Examination Transmittal, a check for \$595.00 and a postcard.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a period of two months, from 6/25/04 to 8/25/04.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.